# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CIVIL AVIATION
# LOK SABHA

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BEHALA AIRPORT
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is actively considering upgrading and modernizing the Behala airport to facilitate the services of the small aircraft mainly meant to serve the connections between the various district centre airports and Kolkata;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b) & (c) The strengthening work of the existing runway of 3000 ft. has been taken up by Airports Authority of India(AAI) for activation of Behala Flying Club. There is also a proposal to extend the runway to 4500 ft. for ATR type of aircraft operations subject to acquisition and handing over of required land by the State Government free of cost.